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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3721

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, VS, CB, ENRG

SUBJECT: GVN GKR OIL DRILLING DISPUTE

REF: PHNOM PENH 12192; SAIGON 11778

1. FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR BERTHOD CALLED DCM TO ASK IF EMBASSY HAD HEARD WHETHER GVN HAD AGREED TO ELF-ERAP REQUEST TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR WITHDRAWING OIL RIG. HE SAID ELF-ERAP WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT SEPT 12 DEADLINE WOULD EXPIRE AT MIDNIGHT AND THAT ITS PERSONNEL ABOARD THE RIG MIGHT BE IN DANGER. ELF-ERAP REP ON BOARD RIG SAID SMALL VIETNAMESE NAVY SHIP HAD CIRCLED ONCE AROUND THE RIG.

2. ACCORDING BERTHOD, IF ELF-ERAP HEARS NOTHING FURTHER IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS, IT PLANS TO LIFT OUT THE PERSONNEL ABOARD THE RIG. BERTHOD SEEMED SLIGHTLY UNCERTAIN WHETHER OPERATIONS TO WITHDRAW THE RIG FROM THE DISPUTED AREA WOULD THEN CONTINUE, BUT HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD. HOWEVER, THEY COULD NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL SEPT 14.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES
ADVISE EMBASSY SINGAPORE ANY PERTINENT LATE DEVELOP-
MENTS WHICH CAN PROPERLY BE TRANSMITTED TO THE FRENCH
EMBASSY HERE SO THAT IT CAN INFORM THE OPERATIONS
MANAGER IN ELF-ERAP OFFICE IN SINGAPORE.
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